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This Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), i.e., before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. In the event that a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed, then this Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) and the Commissioner is requested to charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750 for the \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). If any other fees are due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the citations on the Form PTO-1449 to confirm consideration of each reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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